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Subject: ORVAC HI-TECH member participation

To : ORVAC web site and ORVAC Members

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Re: NPS's inability to accommodate ORVAC meeting remote participation.

During a telecon with Jim Colleta today I became aware that he had requested to participate in the August ORVAC meeting via some form of hi-tech communication such as conference call or computer interface and that NPS's response was that it would not be possible since the meeting room has no phone line and/or that it is preferred that members attend in person.

It is difficult for me to comprehend that the National Park Service one of America's largest organizations responsible for millions of acres of our land cannot accomplish this basic function in today's 21st century business world especially in this recently built 2.1 million dollar facility.

My goal with this communique is to ask members as well as others including the Governor to approach NPS promptly and have this situation corrected prior to the August meeting to facilitate an ORVAC member who is willing to participate with his or her participation.

I will be approaching the Everglades Coordinating Council that I am a delegate to and check what we as an organization can do to assist NPS on this critical matter.

Although Mr. Colleta is a friend of mine I am not involving myself in this just for him. Any knowledgeable ORVAC member who cares enough and is appointed by the Secretary of Interior deserves to be accommodated in a rare situation such as this when one is not able for some reason to physically be present.

Mr. Colleta being the only elected official on this committee who's district encompasses most if not all of the Big Cypress National Preserve is a large part of the reason I believe this is such a serious matter.

Thanks for your attention to this matter in advance.

Frank F. Denninger

I would think that simple respect for the Secretary of Interior's appointment would dictate that this technology be present when and if required.

Possibly a local organization could step forward and donate a phone line and a few months phone bill funding for a single simple line into the meeting room.